

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application
PCT/EP2003/014250, filed **15 December 2003**, which designated the U.S. and claims
priority of **IT MO2003A000232**, filed **7 August 2003**, the entire contents of each of
which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the title, as follows:

CAP MEANS ARRANGEMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 1, as follows:

The invention relates to cap ~~means~~ arrangements that can be associated with
containers, in particular cap arrangements~~means~~ provided with an opening-indicator
device comprising a security-ring ~~means~~ system and fin ~~means~~ members arranged to
interact with a neck of the containers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 25, as follows:

An object of the invention is to improve known cap arrangements~~means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 26, as follows:

Another object of the invention is to obtain cap arrangements~~means~~ provided with fin ~~means~~ members that promotes rapid and effective detachment of the opening-indicator ~~means~~ device from a body of the arrangements~~cap means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 30, as follows:

A further object is to obtain cap arrangements~~means~~ in which is prevented overturning of the fin members~~means~~ during opening of a container with which said cap arrangements~~means~~ ~~is~~ are associated.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 33, as follows:

In ~~an~~ first aspect of the invention, there is provided a cap arrangement~~means~~ comprising an opening-indicator ~~means~~ device having an outer edge wherefrom leads away fin members ~~means~~ that in use extends towards the inside of said cap arrangement~~means~~, said fin members~~means~~ comprising, in one of ~~its~~ their portions nearest said edge, an elongated element having a substantially rectilinear extension, characterised in that wherein said fin members~~means~~ further comprises, in one of ~~its~~ their portions further away from said edge, flexible appendage ~~mean~~ elements.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 7, as follows:

In an embodiment, the appendage elements~~means is~~are mobile between a folded configuration, in which said appendage elements~~means is~~are contained in the thickness of said elongated element, and an extended configuration, in which said appendage elements~~means~~ extends substantially transversely in relation to said elongated element.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 13, as follows:

During the first opening of the cap, the fin ~~means~~members ~~is~~are made to interact with a projection obtained in a neck of a container with which the cap arrangement~~means~~ is associated, in order to prevent the opening-indicator ~~means~~device from being detached from said neck.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 18, as follows:

During afore-said interaction, the elongated element is substantially subjected to compression stress that generates deformation of the fin members ~~means~~ by a rather limited amount.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 21, as follows:

This cause rapid breaking of bridge elements connecting the opening-indicator ~~means~~device to a body of the cap arrangement~~means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 23, as follows:

In particular, said breakage occurs when the seal between the cap arrangement~~means~~ and the respective container is still assured.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 25, as follows:

The flexible appendage elements~~means~~ ~~is~~are shaped in such a way as to partially envelope said projection in such a way as to prevent the overturning of the fin members~~means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 28, as follows:

As the appendage elements~~means~~, in the folded configuration, ~~is~~are contained within the thickness of the elongated element, the fin members~~means~~, as a whole, ~~has~~have a transversal dimension that is rather limited and therefore has good deformability if subjected to stress directed radially from the centre of the cap arrangement~~means~~ towards the periphery thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 1, as follows:

This enables easy fitting of the cap arrangement~~means~~ on the neck of the container, inasmuch as the elongated element and the flexible appendage elements~~means~~ does

not oppose a particularly significant resistance when they are pushed beyond the projection during container-closing operations.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 6, as follows:

This furthermore enables to create bridge elements that are arranged to connect the opening-indicator devicemeans to a body of the caps and that have a cross-section with a limited extent, inasmuch as the cap arrangementmeans does not require high torque values to be applied to the neck of the container.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 14, as follows:

Consequently, the risks of removing the opening-indicator devicemeans from the container during said first opening are drastically reduced, or are even completely eliminated.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 17, as follows:

In a ~~second~~ further aspect of the invention, there is provided a cap arrangementmeans comprising an opening-indicator devicemeans that has an outer edge wherefrom fin membersmeans leads away that in use extends towards the inside of said cap arrangementmeans, said fin members means comprising, in one of its ~~their~~ portions nearest said edge, an elongated element having a substantially rectilinear extension,

~~characterised in that~~wherein said fin members~~means~~ furthermore comprises, in one of its ~~their~~ portions further away from said edge, flexible appendage elements~~means~~ extending transversely in relation to said elongated element.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 27, as follows:

Owing to this aspect of the invention, the fin members~~means~~ ~~has~~have a contact zone with a projection obtained in a neck of a container, the projection having a considerable extent. This enables ~~a particularly effective fin~~ members~~means~~ to be obtained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 31, as follows:

Furthermore, the use of the flexible appendage ~~means~~elements induces the elongated element to be substantially subjected to compression stress.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 1, as follows:

In ~~another~~third aspect of the invention, there is provided cap arrangement~~means~~ comprising an opening-indicator device ~~means~~ that has an outer edge wherefrom fin elements~~means~~ leads away which in use extends towards the inside of said cap arrangement~~means~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein said fin elements ~~means~~ comprises a first portion suitable for interacting with a surface of a first collar arrangement~~means~~ extending radially from a neck of a container, a second portion suitable for interacting

with a further surface of a second collar arrangement means extending radially from said neck and a third portion suitable for interacting with yet further surface of said first collar arrangement means.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 12, as follows:

Owing to this aspect of the invention, a cap arrangement means can be obtained that is provided with fin members means that ~~is~~ are not subject to overturning during opening of the container.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 15, as follows:

The fin members means ~~is~~ are subjected to deformation of limited amount, which enables the bridge elements of said opening-indicator device means to be rapidly broken.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 18, as follows:

In ~~a still further~~ fourth aspect of the invention, there is provided a cap arrangement means, comprising a threaded means ~~device~~ suitable for engaging in a corresponding further threaded device means obtained in a container arrangement means with which said cap arrangement means can be associated, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said threaded device means comprises a double-start thread.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 27, as follows:

Owing to this aspect of the invention, cap arrangement~~means~~ can be obtained provided with a limited length and, consequently, the consumption of material with which said cap arrangement~~means~~ are made can be limited.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 31, as follows:

At the same time, a cap arrangement~~means~~ can be obtained that prevents a product from leaving a container with which the cap arrangement~~means~~ is associated before breaking the bridge elements of the opening-indicator device~~means~~ associated with said cap device~~means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 4, as follows:

Figure 1 is a partial cross-section taken along a transverse plane of cap arrangement~~means~~ according to the invention, showing fin members~~means~~ of the cap arrangement~~means~~ in one configuration;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 7, as follows:

Figure 2 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 1, showing the fin members~~means~~ in a different configuration during the application of the cap arrangement~~means~~ to a neck of a container;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 10, as follows:

Figure 3 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 1, showing the fin members~~means~~ after the opening-indicator device~~means~~ of the cap arrangement~~means~~ has been separated from a body of the cap arrangement~~means~~, once a first opening of the container has occurred;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 14, as follows:

Figure 4 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 1, showing the fin members~~means~~ in a further configuration;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 16, as follows:

Figure 5 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 1, showing a version of the cap arrangement~~means~~ according to the invention;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 18, as follows:

Figure 6 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 1, showing a further version of the cap arrangement~~means~~ according to the invention;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 20, as follows:

Figure 7 is a cross-section like the one in Figure 6, showing the fin members~~means~~ after the opening-indicator device~~means~~ has been separated from a body of the cap arrangement~~means~~, once a first opening of the container has occurred;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 24, as follows:

Figure 8 is a partial cross-section taken along a transverse plane of one embodiment of the cap arrangement~~means~~ shown in Figure 6;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 26, as follows:

Figure 9 is a perspective cross-section view of cap arrangement~~means~~ according to the invention, made according to a further version;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 29, as follows:

Figure 10 is a transparent schematic cross-section view of the cap arrangement~~means~~ in Figure 9;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 31, as follows:

Figure 11 is a development on a plane of the internal cylindrical lateral surface of the cap arrangement~~means~~ in Figure 6, highlighting thread of the cap arrangement~~means~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16 line 9, as follows:

The first thread 28 is provided with a first start 30 arranged on a plane whereupon is also arranged a second start 31 with which the second thread 29 is provided, said plane being substantially parallel to a further plane identified by an opening 32 of the cap arrangement~~means~~ 1 within which the neck 8 can be received.

~~The first start 30 and the second start 31 are staggered by an angle of 180°.~~

~~The first thread 28 and the second thread 29 each define a cylindrical helix having a pitch of 4.5 millimetres.~~

~~In an embodiment not shown the first thread 28 and the second thread 29~~